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BATMAN RETURNS... THE MOVIE ADAPTATION!

In 1989, the biggest story at the movies was *Batman*, an international phenomenon that went on to become the highest grossing film in the history of Warner Bros.

DC Comics was right there, with the best-selling BATMAN MOVIE ADAPTATION.

Now, on June 19, 1992, the excitement returns to theaters with *Batman Returns* and, of course, to comic book shops, with the BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION.

Batman Returns reunites director Tim Burton with actor Michael Keaton as Batman, and adds Danny DeVito as the villainous Penguin and Michelle Pfeiffer as the mysterious Catwoman in a mix that promises action, excitement, and fantasy, delivered with striking originality.

BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION is written by veteran Batman editor and writer Dennis O'Neil, and features art by Steve Erwin and José Luis Garcia-Lopez. And it's available in both Prestige Format at $5.95, and New Format at $3.95, so you get to choose how you want to read the adaptation of the movie event of the year.

The movie of the year and the comic book adaptation of the year... with Batman Returns and the BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION, history repeats itself!

STAR TREK: DEBT OF HONOR HARDCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

It begins with James T. Kirk's days as a lieutenant on the Starship *Farragut*™ and spans his entire career. It is the greatly anticipated graphic novel STAR TREK®: DEBT OF HONOR.

Years ago, while still a young man just out of the Starfleet Academy, young Lt. Kirk confronted a deadly and mysterious menace... a menace that has returned... this time to endanger Captain Kirk and the crew of the *Enterprise*™! But in order to fight this menace, Kirk and crew must defy Starfleet and ally themselves with both the Klingons and the Romulans.

Kirk and his companions might survive this fight... but at what price?

STAR TREK®: DEBT OF HONOR is a 96-page hardcover graphic novel written by Chris Claremont, with art by Adam Hughes and Karl Story and color by Tom McCraw. The painted cover is by Dave Dorman.

STAR TREK®: DEBT OF HONOR... this time, the voyage gets really dangerous!

Paul Kupperberg, Writer
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HEROES AND HACKERS IN THE HACKER FILES

Log on to THE HACKER FILES and meet Jack Marshall, a normal guy in a world of superheroes, super-computers, and late-breaking news stories. But Marshall has an edge over all the supers in the world as the designer of the Digitronix Computer, the computer that's found in every corner of the DC Universe.

Now Marshall is a renegade, having gone freelance to handle problems Digitronix can't — or won't — fix! Problems such as a sinister link between Digitronix, artificial intelligence, and a computer virus that won't go away— a virus that Marshall is determined to get to the bottom of.

THE HACKER FILES, which uses real computer language and technology, is set in the DC Universe and features guest appearances by DC characters, including Green Lantern, Sarge Steel, and Barbara Gordon. Each story arc in the series is inspired by a real news story: the virus in Pentagon computers, the massacre at Tiananmen Square, and the U.S. government raids on computer bulletin boards.

THE HACKER FILES is a 12-issue maxiseries in the New Format, written by Lewis Shiner, with art by Tom Sutton and Mark Buckingham, and computer-generated covers by Tom Canty.

Jack Marshall isn't your usual comic-book hero. But then, THE HACKER FILES isn't your usual comic book!

NO, MAN, IT'S ONLY TWO HERE. WHATCHA NEED?
A LITTLE PHONE PHREAKING. CAN YOU PATCH ME IN TO SOME OF THE OTHER KIDS?
MAYBE DR. ZEN AND SUE DENIM?
NO PROB.
SOMEBODY PUT A VIRUS IN THE ARPANET. I WANT TO KNOW WHO IT WAS.
MY GOD, DOCTOR! IT'S ALIVE!
I'M SENDING YOU ALL COPIES OF THE VIRUS CODE.
THE FRAYEDS OF SANITY
SURE, MAN, WE'LL CHECK IT OUT.
TURN THAT STEREO OFF AND GO TO SLEEP!
MUCH BETTER.
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JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA...

THE RETURN OF THE ORIGINAL HEROES!

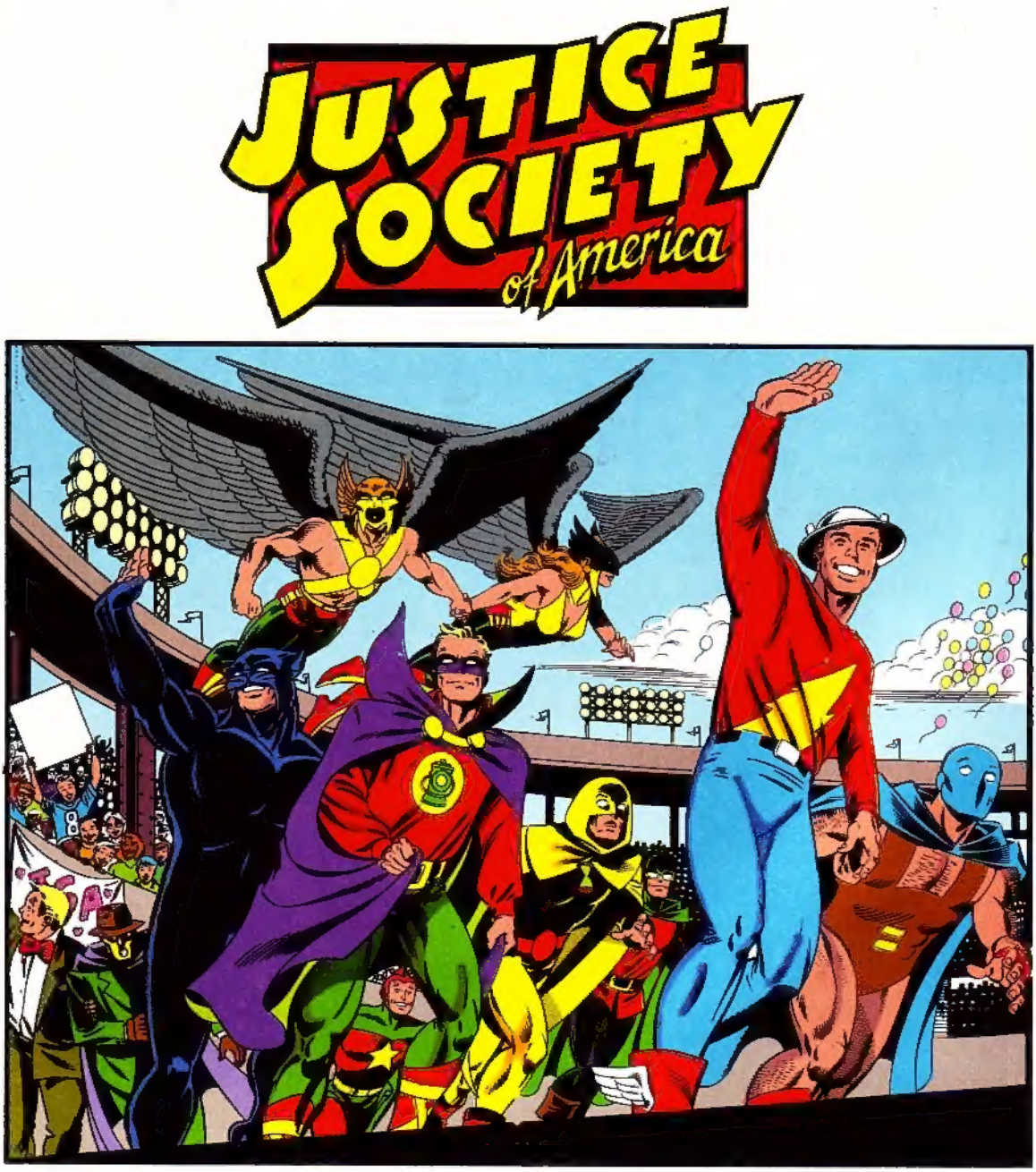
The Golden Age Green Lantern, Flash, Hawkman, Hawkwoman, Wildcat, The Atom, Dr. Mid-Nite, Hourman, Sandman, Johnny Thunder. Together, they were the world's first superteam.

They were THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA. But these mighty heroes have been trapped in limbo for years, locked in a bizarre battle for the fate of mankind. Now they've returned to the DC Universe of today... to a world that's left them behind.

The new JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA may be decidedly older than when last we saw them, but they are definitely wiser... and they'll be meeting not only the challenges of the modern world, but their current super-hero counterparts in the Justice League as well. And, sooner or later, some younger heroes will join the team, but it will be the "old-timers," the original members of the JSA, whose wisdom and experience will more often than not save the day.

JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA is an ongoing monthly series, written by Len Strazewski and featuring art by Mike Parobeck and Mike Machlan.

THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA... they were the original heroes, and they're still the best.



AUGUST COVER DATE

SHIPPING JUNE 16

☐ **THE VIKING PRINCE: VIKING GLORY TRADE PAPERBACK**
The story of Prince Jon, the Viking Prince, is re-presented in this trade paperback edition (published in conjunction with Viking Prince's guest appearances in BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT) telling the tale of Jon's hopeless quest to win the hand of Asa, his ill-fated lover and Princess of the Realm. Written by Lee Marrs, with painted art and cover by Bo Hampton, and an introduction by The Spirit creator Will Eisner. 128 pages. *(Trade paperback)* $14.95

☐ **BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION**
BATMAN RETURNS... in what's sure to be the hottest film release of the year! And DC Comics naturally provides the comic book adaptation of the Warner Bros. motion picture, *Batman Returns*, starring Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, and Michelle Pfieffer. Written by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Steve Erwin and José Luis Garcia-Lopéz. 64 pages. *(Prestige Format)* $5.95

BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION

☐ **BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION NEWSSTAND EDITION**
Featuring all the same story and art as the Prestige Format edition, the BATMAN RETURNS MOVIE ADAPTATION NEWSSTAND EDITION tells the story of the Warner Bros. feature film, adapted by Dennis O'Neil, with art by Steve Erwin and José Luis Garcia-Lopéz. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.95

☐ **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #3**
Continued from "The Quiet Darkness" saga as Brin Londo becomes the all-new and ferociously feral Timber Wolf... who relocates to the 20th Century for a new series of adventures that will continue later this year in an all-new TIMBER WOLF miniseries. Written by Al Gordon, with art by Joe Phillips, with help from Rob Haynes and Ian Montgomery, inked by Al Gordon and John Dell. Then, the Legionnaires meet, en masse, for a reunion, where a shocking secret about one of the Legion's founding members is revealed. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Brandon Peterson and Scott Hanna. Cover by Keith Giffen and Gordon. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.50

☐ **GUY GARDNER REBORN #2**
(of a 3-issue miniseries)
Even with all of Lobo's training, Guy realizes he's going to need a weapon... and the best place for him to get it is from the Weaponers of Qward. But put Guy and Lobo together in a dark dimension of violence and you can expect a mistake that could mean the destruction of the entire Green Lantern Corps. Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by Joe Staton and Joe Rubinstein. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

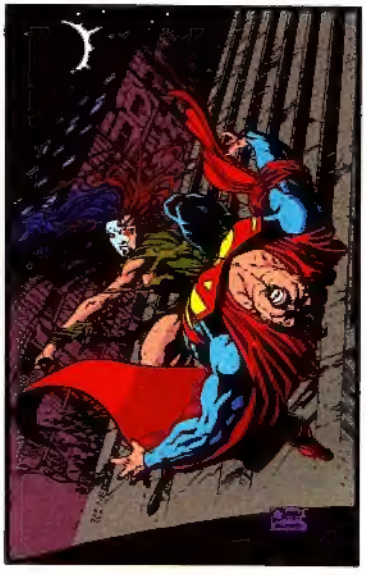
☐ **SANDMAN SLIPCASE**
Need a place to keep your copies of the three SANDMAN trade paperback editions, PRELUDES AND NOCTURNES, THE DOLL'S HOUSE, and DREAM COUNTRY? Here's just the thing — the SANDMAN SLIPCASE, designed by SANDMAN cover artist Dave McKean to house these three books. It's more than just a slipcase... it's a collector's item. $4.95/5.95 CAN

☐ **SUPERMAN ANNUAL #4**
"Eclipso: The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. Lois Lane becomes "eclipsed" by the evil of Eclipso, while Superman confronts an entire village of Eclipsos. Written by Dan Vado, with art by Scott Benefiel and Trevor Scott. Cover by Joe Quesada and Jimmy Palmiotti. 64 pages. $2.50

☐ **DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #13**
When Superman delivers a captured Deathstroke into the hands of the C.I.A. All seems well until he stages a breakout forcing guest stars Green Lantern, Aquaman and Flash to recapture him. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. Cover by Mike Zeck. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #35**
Part 1 of the 2-part "Destiny": A distant predecessor of Batman, a barbarian Norse warrior, takes the spotlight as a descendant of the legendary Viking Prince brings his personal war against the pollution-spreading Valhalla Corporation to Gotham City. He is assisted by Batman in a meeting preordained by an ancient myth... one that tells of an incarnation of Batman teamed ages ago with the original Viking Prince. Written by Mark Kneece, with art and painted cover by Bo Hampton. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

☐ **SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #26**
Lenny, the most delightful highwaywoman to ever hold up a taxi, tells her version of life with Shade, love with Kathy, and her own take on the pursuit of happiness. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Mark Pennington. Painted cover by Brendan McCarthy. *(Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format.)* $1.75



SUPERMAN ANNUAL #4

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STAR TREK™ #34
Kirk, Spock and McCoy investigate a newly discovered planet, where an individual's innermost thoughts are made into a reality that tempts Kirk to abandon the *Enterprise* ™ to live in a fantasy world. Scripted by guest writer David DeVries and guest artist Jan Duursema. Cover by Glenn Lumsden. *(New Format)* $1.75

HAWKWORLD #25
Part 5 of the 5-part "Escape from Thanagar": While Katar Hol risks everything to help his alien allies escape from Thanagar, Shayera faces death on Earth at the hands of the false Hawkman, leaving both heroes forever changed. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Graham Nolan and Rick Bryant. Cover by Nolan. *(New Format)* $1.50

HAWKWORLD #25

L.E.G.I.O.N '92 #43
After thwarting a plot by the government of Arga-Prime to wipe out the alien races on their world, the L.E.G.I.O.N. discovers that the ruling high council would rather die than succumb to outside pressure and releases a virulent virus into the atmosphere to destroy all life. Written and pencilled by Barry Kitson and inked by Robin Smith. Painted cover by Daniel Brereton. *(New Format)* $1.50

THE BLACK HOOD #8
Hit Coffee, in control of Seaside City's mobs, turns to the Black Hood to help him out of a jam — a favor that ends with the Hood sharing the tortured memories of a Vietnamese refugee. Written by Mark Wheatley, with art and cover by Rick Burchett. $1.25

FLASH #67
Abra Kadabra, the mad magician from the 64th Century, is back, crazier and deadlier than ever. Flash has his hands full already, but when Peregrine — a high-tech bounty hunter from the future — comes for Kadabra, Wally and Keystone City are caught in the middle. Written by Mark Waid, with art and cover by Greg LaRocque and José Marzan, Jr. $1.25

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #14
A vampire is loose in Metropolis and the new Robin, Tim Drake, raises the stakes as he meets Superman for the first time. Continued in SUPERMAN #70. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.25

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #14

THE WEB #12
A U.F.O. is sighted in Pennsylvania as the new Shield guest-stars, teaming with veteran Web agent Jesus Kennedy. They are faced with "The Gauntlet." Written by Len Strazewski, with art by Hoang Nguyen and Mike DeCarlo. Cover by Gil Kane. $1.25

WONDER WOMAN #65
Vanessa Kapatelis is caught in a bizarre nightmare world planted by the vicious Dr. Psycho. Written by guest writer Joey Cavalieri, with art by the team of Paris Cullins and Robert Campanella. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.25

WONDER WOMAN #65

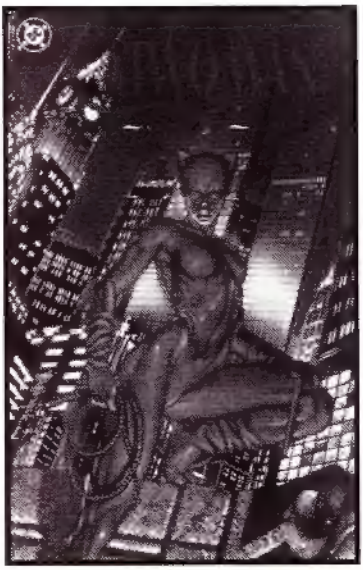
SHIPPING JUNE 23

THE BATMAN COLLECTION #2
Here's your chance to own *three* classic trade paperback volumes starring the Dark Knight Detective, to get a limited edition slipcase, and to save $10.00 in the process! It's the second BATMAN COLLECTION, shrink-wrapped and sporting the Batman logo and featuring three books that give diverse portrayals of Batman from popular creative talent. Included are THE GREATEST BATMAN STORIES EVER TOLD, Volume 1; BATMAN: THE CULT, written by Jim Starlin, with art by Bernie Wrightson; and, BATMAN: GOTHAM BY GASLIGHT, written by Brian Augustyn, with art by Mike Mignola. *(Limited availability)* $29.80/35.75 CAN

AUGUST COVER DATE

☐ **CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER TRADE PAPERBACK**

The trade paperback collection of the popular CATWOMAN miniseries (spun off from the classic BATMAN: YEAR ONE) is still available, as befits one of the featured villains of the upcoming Warner Bros. motion picture, *Batman Returns*. CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER features the origin and early days of one of Batman's most unusual and seductive foes. Written by Mindy Newell, with art by J.J. Birch and Mike Bair. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. 104 pages. *(Suggested for Mature Readers.)* $9.95



CATWOMAN: HER SISTER'S KEEPER TRADE PAPERBACK

☐ **BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: JUDGMENT ON GOTHAM**

The second printing of this hit graphic novel is offered in which Batman and Judge Dredd are forced into the weirdest team-up. A rift in time and space sends Batman to Mega-City One and unleashes the evil Judge Death on Gotham City. Written by Alan Grant, with painted art and cover by Simon Bisley. 64 pages. *(Prestige Format)* $5.95

☐ **THE DEMON ANNUAL #1**

"Eclipso: The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. Jason Blood and Harry the pillow travel to San Francisco at the request of an ancient magician named Xavier Nihilo who wants Etrigan to kill him. But Klarion the Witch-boy and Teekl are in Nihilo's castle with one of Eclipso's black diamonds, leading to trouble for everyone. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Joe Phillips, Dave Johnson, and John Dell. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.00

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA ANNUAL #6**

"Eclipso: The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. Wonder Woman guest-stars as the JLA learns the grim details behind Eclipso's return. Then the group has to save New York from Maxima when the former villainess turns the Amazon Princess against her fellow heroes. Written by Dan Jurgens and Dan Mishkin, with art by Dave Cockrum and Jose Marzan, Jr. Cover by Jurgens and Rick Burchett. 64 pages. $2.50

☐ **THE HACKER FILES #1**

Part 1 of the 4-part "Soft War": Meet Jack Marshall, hacker-at-large, who's called in by Sarge Steel and the Federal Government to cure the NORAD computers of a vicious virus. If he fails in this mission, world peace will be a cruel joke. Written by Lew Shiner, with art by Tom Sutton and Mark Buckingham. Computer art cover by Tom Canty. *(New Format)* $1.95

☐ **HELLBLAZER #56**

Danny Drake is a man with a diary full of secrets... including one so horrible and demonic that it catches the attention of John Constantine. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by David Lloyd. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format)* $1.75

BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: JUDGMENT ON GOTHAM

☐ **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #32**

During Earth's war against the Dominators, several Legionnaires become the first heroes to fall in this tumultuous battle. And it looks bad for the Legion SUBS resistance team as they surrender to the invading Dominators. Written by Keith Giffen and Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art and cover by Jason Pearson and Karl Story. *(New Format)* $1.75

LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #32

☐ **THE NEW TITANS #89**

While Troia's pregnancy reaches a critical stage, an all-knowing force examines the lives of the Titans and begins to move them all toward a disastrous destiny. Written by Marvin Wolfman, with art by Andrew Paquette and Al Vey. Cover by Tom Grummett and Vey. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **STAR TREK™: THE NEXT GENERATION® #35**

In Part 3 of "The Way of the Warrior," the Ysalanti peace mission is in a shambles thanks to Q's transforming Picard and the entire crew of the *Enterprise* ™ into Klingons. It's up to Worf to thwart Q and restore order. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Kenneth Penders and Pablo Marcos. Cover by Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

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BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #3
Part 3 of the 4-part "The Last Arkham," published biweekly: Nightwing tries to free Batman from Arkham Asylum, only to discover why he's really trapped inside. Meanwhile, Jeremiah Arkham succumbs to his heritage of madness. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Norm Breyfogle. Painted cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.50

THE DEMON #26
Part 1 of the 3-part "America Rules!": Just when things seem to have settled down for Jason Blood and Glenda, a horrifying presence rears its ugly head: American politics. Etrigan is asked to run for president by Darren Dingle, the 96-year-old founder of the American Liberty Institute. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by Val Semeiks and Bob Smith. Cover by Semeiks and Karl Kesel. *(New Format)* $1.50

SANDMAN #40
In "The Parliament of Rooks," Lyta Hall's son toddles out of his crib and into the Dreaming. There, he meets Cain, Abel, Matthew, and Gregory... and learns a secret no child should know. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Jill Thompson and Vincent Locke. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format)* $1.50

AQUAMAN #9
Part 1 of the 2-part "Eco-Wars": Aquaman travels to South America to stop the Sea Devils from attacking an oil rig. Unfortunately, he's too late...! Written by Shaun McLaughlin, with art and cover by Vince Giarrano. $1.25

BATMAN #483
In "The Ballad of Crash," an unlikely duo of star-crossed and demented lovers meet the immovable object that is Batman, who is determined to prevent their apocalyptic demise from injuring innocents. Written by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Jim Aparo. $1.25

DETECTIVE COMICS #647
Part 1 of the 3-part "Return of the Cluemaster": The Cluemaster is out of prison and cured of his compulsion to leave clues to his crimes, freeing him to perpetrate his schemes without the intervention of Batman and Robin. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Tom Lyle and Scott Hanna. Cover by Matt Wagner. $1.25

THE JAGUAR #12
Maria's father sends a bodyguard to protect her from the Jaguar, who he believes to be Maria's Aunt Luiza. Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Chuck Wojtkiewicz, Steve Montano, and Steve Austin. Cover by Marc Matos and John Beatty. $1.25

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #65
The League joins forces with Maxima and her followers in a final battle with Starbreaker for the possession of Almerac. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Rick Burchett. Cover by Jurgens and Burchett. $1.25

SUPERMAN #70
Continued from SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #14: Superman and Robin join forces to rid Metropolis of a vampiric infestation. Also, Blaze mysteriously returns to Metropolis. Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens and Brett Breeding. Cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.25

SUPERMAN #70

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DOOM PATROL: CRAWLING FROM THE WRECKAGE TRADE PAPERBACK
The first appearances of Crazy Jane and Rebis open DOOM PATROL: CRAWLING FROM THE WRECKAGE, the collection reprinting issues #19-25 of writer Grant Morrison's groundbreaking run on the monthly DOOM PATROL. This much-requested trade paperback includes the 4-part "Crawling from the Wreckage," that pits the newly re-established team against the bizarre Scissormen; "The Butterfly Collector" and "The House That Jack Built," in which the team battles an omnipotent maniac who claims to be God; and, the eerily touching "Imaginary Friends," in which Dorothy Spinner's childhood imaginings literally come back to haunt her. Art on these stories is by Richard Case, Dougie Braithwaite, Scott Hanna, and Carlos Garzon. Painted cover by Simon Bisley. 192 pages. $19.95

DOOM PATROL: CRAWLING FROM THE WRECKAGE TRADE PAPERBACK

GREEN ARROW ANNUAL #5
"Eclipso: The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. Black Canary becomes an Eclipso and must be stopped by Green Arrow and guest star Batman. Written by Sarah E. Byam, with art by Trevor Von Eeden and Frank Springer. Cover by Mike Grell. 64 pages. *(New Format)* $3.00

ANIMAL MAN #50
Tom Veitch ends his run on ANIMAL MAN in this special oversized 50th issue. The terrible energy of the Antagon bursts forth, bringing all life to an end... unless Animal Man can draw upon his hidden power. Written by Tom Veitch, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Brian Bolland. 48 pages. *(New Format)* $2.95

FLASH ANNUAL #5
"Eclipso: The Darkness Within" Annual Crossover Event continues. What begins as a larkish gem robbery by Flash's Rogues Gallery becomes a deadly confrontation with Eclipso, leaving Flash at the mercy of an eclipsed Golden Glider. Written by Mark Waid and Craig Boldman, with art and cover by Travis Charest and Dan Davis. 64 pages. $2.50

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☐ **BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #36**
Part 2 of the 2-part "Destiny": A long-ago quest in the past for magic lodestones holds answers in the present to the destiny of two heroes: Batman and a modern-day Viking Prince, who battle the forces of the evil Valhalla Corporation. Written by Mark Kneece, with art and cover by Bo Hampton. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

☐ **SWAMP THING #122**
Meet the Needleman, a deadly assassin whose attack is just the first step in the Sunderland Corporation's new assault on Swamp Thing. Written by Nancy A. Collins, with art by Scot Eaton and Kim DeMulder. Plus, pinups by Arthur Adams and Charles Vess. Painted cover by John Higgins. *(New Format)* $1.75

SWAMP THING #122

☐ **ARION THE IMMORTAL #2**
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Mara, Arion's shape-changing teammate from 50,000 years ago who was stuck in the shape of a dog when the magic went away, is taken hostage by the dreaded demon Garffon. Arion is forced to take the mantle of guardian and protector. He *hates* it when that happens! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Ron Wilson and Jerry Acerno. Cover by Randy DuBurke. $1.50

ARION THE IMMORTAL #2

☐ **L.E.G.I.O.N. '92 #44**
Chaos rules on the planet Arga Prime, as the end of the world is nigh and Vril Dox drives himself into a frenzy attempting to find a cure for the life-destroying virus released by the planet's high council. And the guy sent to ensure the well-being of the evil council is none other than Lobo! Written and pencilled by Barry Kitson and inked by Robin Smith. Painted cover by Daniel Brereton. *(New Format)* $1.50

☐ **LOBO'S BACK #4**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
Lobo's back... reincarnation-wise, that is. Finally, he's Lobo again and takes revenge on Loo and his hidden brother Feecees, the *former* baddest bastiches in space. Written by Keith Giffen and Alan Grant, with art and painted cover by Simon Bisley. *(Suggested for Mature Readers. New Format)* $1.50

☐ **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #493**
Part 1 of the 4-part "Blaze/Satanus War": Blaze makes her move to seize control of Metropolis from her brother Satanus. Continues in ACTION COMICS #680. Written by Jerry Ordway, with art by Grummett and Doug Hazlewood. Cover by Grummett and Ordway. $1.25

☐ **THE BLACK CONDOR #3**
In Part 2 of the "Sky Pirate" storyline, Ned Smith, the Black Condor's only friend, must convince the Condor that he should take an interest in the Sky Pirate's illegal activities. Written by Brian Augustyn and pencilled by R.A. Morales. Cover by Morales. $1.25

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #493

☐ **GREEN LANTERN #27**
Part 2 of the 3-part "Evil Star Rising": Evil Star's Starlings are creating havoc wherever they go. Not even Hal Jordan can stop them... especially when they steal his power battery! Written by Gerard Jones, with art and cover by M.D. Bright and Romeo Tanghal. $1.25

GREEN LANTERN #27

☐ **THE LEGEND OF THE SHIELD #14**
Michael Barnes, the *new* Shield, has ten minutes to get from the base of Army headquarters to its mountain summit in order to prevent a madman from launching a nuclear arsenal. Written by Grant Miehm and Adam Blaustein, with art by Miehm. $1.25

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SHIPPING JULY 7

☐ **STAR TREK™: DEBT OF HONOR HARDCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL**

This original hardcover graphic novel follows the career of Captain Kirk as he — and he alone — realizes the entire galaxy is threatened. He assembles a covert strike team with the crew of the *Enterprise*™ alongside the Klingons and Romulans to thwart the invaders... or die trying. Written by Chris Claremont, with art by Adam Hughes and Karl Story. Painted cover by Dave Dorman. 96 pages. $24.95

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ALL STATIONS MANNED, CAPTAIN SPOCK. I HAVE A CLEAN DISPLAY—NO INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL ANOMALIES.
ENTERPRISE IS CLEARED FOR DEEP SPACE MANEUVERING. COURSE PLOTTED AND LAID IN, ANTICIPATING WARP EIGHT.

STAR TREK™: DEBT OF HONOR HARDCOVER GRAPHIC NOVEL

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